

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Tuesday, 16th January 2024, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

- 01/01/24** **Record of Members Present**
The following councillors were present: Councillors Finch (Chairwoman), Grantham and Wilson.
- 02/01/24** **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies because all members of the Committee were present.
- 03/01/24** **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
(i) There were no declarations of interest.
(ii) No dispensations had been granted.
- 04/01/24** **Clerk's Report**
Minute 06/11/23 Community Emergency Plan - The Clerk was still working on the Community Emergency Plan.

Minute 07/11/23 Seats - The Clerk had asked North Lincolnshire Council to:-
(i) Update the map of the seats within the parish. (ii) Repair, sand and varnish their benches. (iii) Remove the unsafe bench on the junction of Chapel Street / Queen Street.

Minute 08/11/23 Cemetery Charges - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee for the charges for the Cemetery for 2024 / 2025.

Minute 09/11/23 Hanging Baskets - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee that the cost of a Hanging Basket for 2024 should be £35.

Minute 10/11/23 Precept - Full Council had taken into account the amounts recommended by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee before the setting of the precept for 2024 / 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that the report be noted.**
- 05/01/24** **D-Day**
At the last meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 9th January 2024, a recommendation was made to it by the Combined Cemetery and Environment Committee that it should commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day by:- (i) Hiring Mary Dawes to perform on Thursday, 6th June 2024, at 7.00 pm, in The Thurlow, at a cost of £200. (ii) Putting bunting up with the help of volunteers. (iii) Work with Epworth Primary Academy to hold an exhibition about D-Day. However Full Council resolved instead to approve a budget of £350 for D-Day and the rest of it be delegated to the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee to sort out. Members of the Committee therefore further discussed the ways in which it could commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Proposed by Councillor Grantham and seconded by Councillor Wilson - **It was resolved that to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day the Council should:- (i) Provisionally hire a singer to perform on Thursday, 6th June 2024, at 7.00 pm, in The Thurlow Pavilion. (ii) Put bunting up with the help of volunteers. (iii) Work with Epworth Primary Academy to hold an exhibition about D-Day. (iv) Hold a best dressed window display competition with a £30 voucher as the prize. (v) Put the standing soldiers up in the War Memorial Field.**

06/01/24 **Sustainability Planting Scheme**

At the last meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 9th January 2024, it discussed the Sustainability Planting Scheme and it was resolved that the Clerk should contact North Lincolnshire Council and inform them that whilst the Council liked what opportunities could be taken with the grant due to the short time frame it was not practical for the Council to do so, however it would still like to go ahead with it but needed more time. However the Clerk had received a reply from North Lincolnshire Council informing him that they could not extend the closing date, therefore he put it before the Combined Committee for their consideration. Proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that the Clerk should put in a grant application for perennials and compost for the Planters.**

07/01/24 **VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme**

At the last meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 9th January 2024, it discussed new funding opportunities and it was resolved to delegate discussion about this to the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee. The Clerk therefore provided each member of the Committee with information about the VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme, but he had subsequently found out that town and parish councils were not eligible for it. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**

08/01/24 **Hanging Baskets**

The Clerk provided each member of the Committee with a copy of the draft specification for this year's Hanging Baskets, and suggestions were made for the type of plants which should go in the hanging baskets. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Wilson - **It was resolved to approve the specification for this year's Hanging Baskets with the plants which had been suggested.**

09/01/24 **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**

10/01/24 **Closure of Meeting**

The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.03 pm.